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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 October 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 101105
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. A substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) is required. The substitute specification filed must be accompanied by a statement that it contains no new matter.
2. 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, requires the specification to be written in "full, clear, concise, and exact terms." The specification is replete with terms which are not clear, concise and exact. The specification should be revised carefully in order to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Examples of some unclear, inexact or verbose terms used in the specification are: *tempus* [0002], "to this reject" [0003], "audible up to annoying artefacts" [0006], "artefacts" [0007], "one a few" [0017], "beep" [0041], etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 1-2, 5-6, & 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. That is, test-rendering, identifying, determining, etc., do not result in a tangible, real-world result. In contrast, in claims 3-4

& 7-8, a gain factor is stored, a volume setting is normalized, dynamic range is reduced, and a crest factor of the sampled data is reduced, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. Claim 1: The use of "and/or" in the claim renders the claim indefinite.

Additionally, it is unclear what is meant by "values which are important for a desired electroacoustic reproduction on the mobile terminal."

8. Claim 5: The use of "and/or" in the claim renders the claim indefinite.

9. Claims 9 & 10: It is unclear what is meant by "adapting the score."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

11. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fay et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0122559, hereafter '559).

12. Claim 12: '559 teaches a mobile terminal adapted to store and reproduce a score in the format of a MIDI file [0040; 0047; 0195-0206], comprising: storage means for storing the MIDI file (916, 918, 920, 922, 924, etc.); processing means for rendering sampled data from the MIDI file [0044-0047]; reproduction means for transforming the sampled data obtained from the MIDI file into respective sound reproduction [0044-0047]; and control means for adapting the score [0162-0190], the control means comprising: means for identifying, from the sampled data, one or more values and/or one or more combinations of values which are important for a desired electro-acoustic reproduction on the mobile terminal; and means for determining, based on the identified values, one or more parameters suited for adapting the score with respect to the desired reproduction on the mobile terminal [0166].

13. Claim 13: '559 teaches a mobile terminal according to claim 12, further comprising: means for reducing a crest factor of sampled data of an adapted score when being reproduced [0166].

14. Claim 14: '559 teaches a mobile terminal according to claim 13, wherein the means for reducing comprises a dynamic compressor [0166].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Millikin whose telephone number is 571-270-

1265. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 7:30-5 and 7:30-4 Alternating Fridays (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan can be reached on 571-272-1988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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